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the following application:

- Application serial number: 10/627,121
- Attorney docket number: HOF-2.008.C
- Filing date: 24 July 2003
- First named inventor: Lawrence Andrew Hoffman
- Title: POWER TONNEAU COVER ACTUATOR

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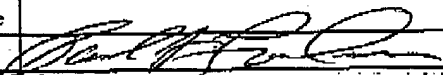
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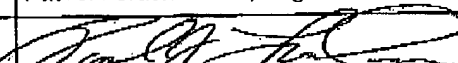
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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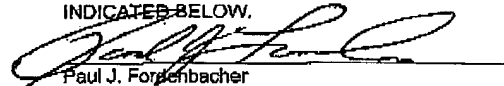
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir or Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 28, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.